IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

DANNY WILLIAMS.

Plaintiff,

v. CV No. 19-594 SMV/CG

NINE ENERGY SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

AGREED CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the parties' *Joint Motion for Entry of Agreed Confidentiality Order*, (Doc. 26), filed January 27, 2020. Having reviewed the Agreed Confidentiality Order, and noting it is jointly filed, the Court finds the Agreed Confidentiality Order is well-taken and shall be entered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the following provisions shall govern claims of confidentiality in these proceedings:

- 1. Review of the confidential documents and information by counsel, experts, or consultants for the litigants in the litigation shall not waive the confidentiality of the documents or objections to production.
- 2. The inadvertent, unintentional, or in camera disclosure of a confidential document and information shall not generally be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any party's claims of confidentiality.
- 3. Only documents containing trade secrets, confidential or proprietary financial information, operational data, business plans, and competitive analyses, personnel files, personal information that is protected by law, and other sensitive information that, if not

restricted as set forth in this order, may subject the producing or disclosing person to competitive or financial injury or potential legal liability to third parties. Such documents or parts thereof will be designated after review by an attorney for the producing party by stamping the word confidential

- 4. If any party believes a document not described in the above paragraph should nevertheless be considered confidential, it may make application to the court or special master. Such application shall only be granted for reasons shown and for extraordinary grounds.
- 5. Documents designated confidential shall be shown only to the attorneys, the parties, parties' experts, actual or proposed witnesses, and other persons whom the attorneys deem necessary to review the documents for the prosecution or defense of this lawsuit. Each person who is permitted to see confidential documents shall first be shown a copy of this order and shall further be advised of the obligation to honor the confidentiality designation. The parties agree that any discovery material produced in this litigation may be used only in this litigation.
- 6. If a party believes that a document designated or sought to be designated confidential by the producing party does not warrant such designation, the party shall first make a good-faith effort to resolve such a dispute with opposing counsel. In the event that such a dispute cannot be resolved by the parties, either party may apply to the court or special master for a determination as to whether the designation is appropriate. The burden rests on the party seeking confidentiality to demonstrate that such designation is proper.

- 7. At the time of deposition or within 10 days after receipt of the deposition transcript, a party may designate as confidential specific portions of the transcript which contain confidential matters under the standards set forth in paragraph (3) above. This designation shall be in writing and served upon all counsel. No objection shall be interposed at deposition that an answer would elicit confidential information. Transcripts will be treated as confidential for this 10-day period. Any portions of a transcript designated confidential shall thereafter be treated as confidential in accordance with this order. In filing materials with the court in pretrial proceedings, counsel shall file under seal only those specific documents and that deposition testimony designated confidential, and only those specific portions of briefs, applications, and other filings that contain verbatim confidential data, or that set forth the substance of such confidential information.
- 8. In any application to the court or special master referred to or permitted by this order, the court or special master may exercise discretion in determining whether the prevailing party in such a dispute may recover the costs incurred by it and, if so, the amount to be awarded.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

THE HONORABLE CARMEN E. GARZA
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE